



Tanzania: Serengeti Wildlife Safari

DURATION | 10 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Moderate

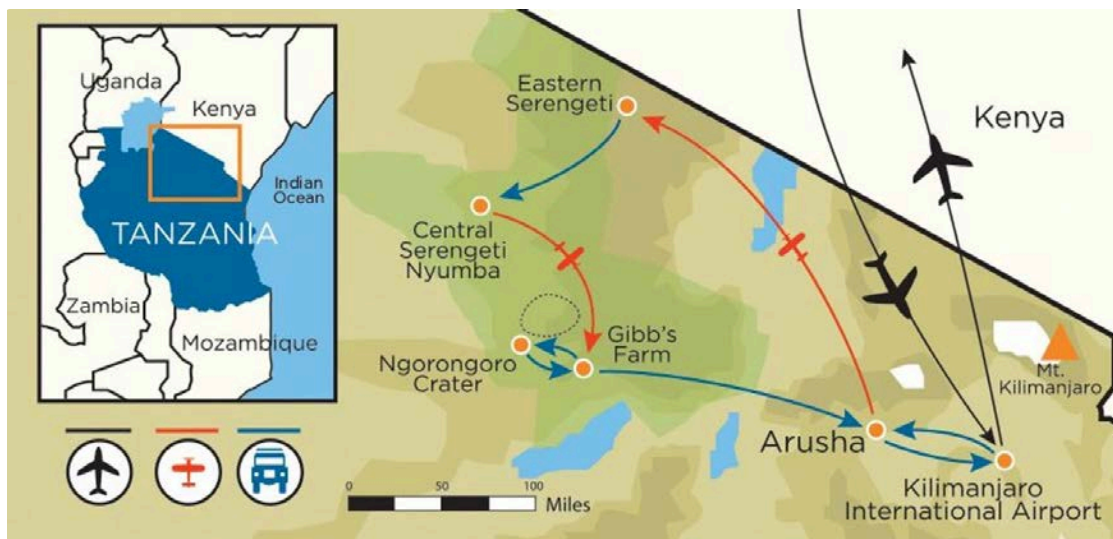
Trip Overview

Tanzania offers a blend of adventure, luxury, and cultural immersion. You'll begin your journey with a scenic flight to the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem, where expert Tanzanian guides will join you, ready to share their wildlife spotting skills. Your accommodations in beautifully designed glamping tents, or nyumba — meaning "home" in Swahili — provide rustic comforts, including en-suite bathrooms and fine linens, all while allowing you to enjoy views of passing giraffes and vibrant birdlife. Engage with the local Maasai community through visits to traditional bomas and unique women-only discussions, gaining insights into their daily lives and entrepreneurial efforts. Throughout your adventure, friendships will flourish as you share morning wildlife hikes and exhilarating night drives, spotting elusive nocturnal creatures. The iconic Serengeti National Park offers breathtaking wildlife experiences, including the Great Migration and an optional hot-air balloon ride with a champagne breakfast. Your journey culminates in the Ngorongoro Highlands, where you'll explore the world-famous crater, home to the Big Five, and unwind at the luxurious Gibb's Farm, savoring gourmet meals after a thrilling safari. Experience the magic of Tanzania, from the dawn in the Serengeti to the majestic wildlife roaming the plains.

Trip Highlights

- Experience thrilling wildlife drives in Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater, spotting Africa's Big Five and vibrant birdlife.
- Learn about wildlife conservation from knowledgeable naturalist guides, enhancing your adventure with their expertise.
- Engage with Maasai women to gain unique insights into their lives, deepening your understanding of their rich culture.

Map View



Trip Itinerary



Day 1

Arrival in Arusha

Welcome to Tanzania! Upon landing at Kilimanjaro Airport, you'll be greeted and transferred to your comfortable lodge in Arusha. Here, you'll meet your fellow travelers, setting the tone for an unforgettable journey. Relax with a light snack as you acclimate to your surroundings and anticipate the adventure ahead. Your lodge, nestled in a serene setting, offers a perfect start to your safari experience. Rest well tonight, for tomorrow begins your exploration of Tanzania's stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife!

Meals: snack | Overnight: Mount Meru Game Lodge



Mount Meru Game Lodge

This former private residence is located on the outskirts of Arusha and has been a refuge for injured or orphaned animals for over 15 years. Homey, comfortable cottages are placed throughout the garden, while in the main building, an elegant lounge and dining area offer a quiet place to relax and share safari stories. At one end of the picturesque garden, there is a semi-enclosed park-like setting where marabou stork, zebra, gazelle, warthog and even elephant recover from injuries obtained in the wild.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, hair dryer available upon request, bottled water, safe, limited Wi-Fi



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Day 2

From Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti

After breakfast, embark on a short scenic flight from Arusha to the Eastern Serengeti Ecosystem. Your guide will meet you at the airstrip, ready to share insights about the region's wildlife and conservation efforts. As you journey to your camp, enjoy wildlife spotting along the way—giraffes, ostriches, and perhaps even leopards. Immerse yourself in Maasai culture by visiting a local boma, where you'll learn about their vibrant community life. Conclude your day with a warm welcome dinner, celebrating the start of your Tanzanian adventure.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba



Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

Your Nyumba offers exquisite, environmentally responsible comforts and personalized care. En-suite bathrooms have water-saving safari showers and self-contained, pump-flush toilets. Enjoy a refreshing beverage at your private verandah as you look out to the acacia-covered plains where giraffe, wildebeest, and gazelle sometimes graze. This is Tanzania at its boundless magical best.

Amenities: En-suite bath with pump-flush camp toilets and safari showers, complimentary toiletries



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Day 3

Discovering the Eastern Serengeti

Awaken to the sounds of the Serengeti and enjoy a light breakfast before heading out for a magical morning hike across the plains. Afterward, visit a local school or medical facility to see how tourism positively impacts the community. The afternoon is reserved for wildlife viewing, where you might spot rare species like the bat-eared fox. In the evening, gather around the campfire to listen to captivating Maasai folktales shared by elder Nekaaki Kioki, deepening your cultural experience in this beautiful landscape.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba



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Day 4

Cultural Immersion and Night Adventures

The morning hours are perfect for wildlife viewing, offering chances to see silver-backed jackals and elusive big cats. Today, you'll engage with the Enjipai Women's Group, a collective of Maasai women focused on entrepreneurship. Enjoy a unique women-only discussion, sharing your experiences while learning about their lives in a polygamous society. As night falls, venture out for an exhilarating night drive, seeking nocturnal creatures like spring hares and aardvarks — an adventure few travelers experience in Tanzania!

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Eastern Serengeti Nyumba



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Day 5

Journey to Serengeti National Park

Set off for your next Nyumba camp with plenty of wildlife viewing along the way. You might witness a dramatic chase between predator and prey or spot a leopard lounging in a tree. Enjoy a boxed lunch en route to maximize your time in the wild. In the afternoon, explore the Serengeti's vast landscapes, where big cats and other wildlife are often seen relaxing amidst the savannah. Settle into your new Nyumba and unwind with evening activities or simply enjoy the tranquil surroundings by the campfire.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Central Serengeti Nyumba



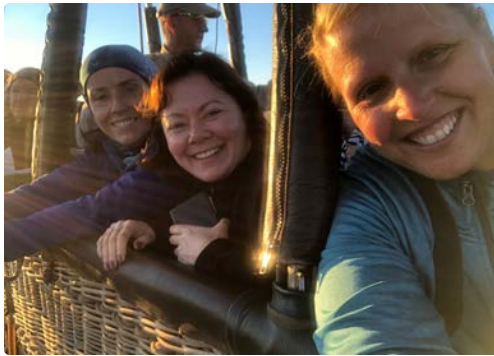
Central Serengeti Nyumba

Your nyumba is a spacious, walk-in tent, where you will find all the comforts you need out in the bush: artfully crafted furnishings, cozy bedding with fine linens, solar-powered, eco-friendly lighting, and an en suite bathroom with shower and self-contained pump-flush toilet.

Amenities: En-suite bath with pump-flush camp toilets and safari showers, complimentary toiletries



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Day 6

Hot Air Balloon Adventure

For an unforgettable experience, opt for an early morning hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti. As you soar above the plains, marvel at breathtaking views of the landscape and wildlife below, followed by a celebratory champagne breakfast upon landing. For those not ballooning, explore the area around camp, learning to identify animal tracks and bird calls. Later, return to camp for evening relaxation by the fire, sharing stories from the day with your fellow adventurers under the expansive African sky.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Central Serengeti Nyumba



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Day 7

Wildlife Exploration in the Serengeti

Today, dive deeper into the Serengeti's stunning terrains with your expert guide. Traverse expansive plains, rolling hills, and river valleys, all teeming with wildlife. Enjoy a picnic lunch in a scenic spot, taking in the beauty of the surroundings. As you search for the Big Five and witness the intricate dramas of the animal kingdom, let the richness of the Serengeti's biodiversity captivate you. Wind down the day with stories and reflections around the campfire, cherishing the shared experiences.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Central Serengeti Nyumba



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Day 8

Scenic Flight to Ngorongoro Highlands

After breakfast, take a scenic flight to the lush Ngorongoro Highlands. Enjoy a delightful lunch at Gibb's Farm, where fresh ingredients from their organic garden create a memorable meal. Spend your afternoon at leisure, choosing from various activities such as a garden tour, birdwatching, or simply relaxing on the verandah. A stroll through the beautifully landscaped grounds allows you to soak in the tranquil atmosphere and stunning views of the highlands, setting the stage for a perfect evening.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Gibb's Farm



Gibb's Farm

Travel + Leisure's Best Safari Lodge in Africa – Gibb's Farm is a getaway for the senses hidden in the rolling hills of the Ngorongoro Highlands. Enjoy an afternoon at the spa, an evening on your private veranda, a dinner decked with fresh farm-to-table delicacies and rich South African wines as this world class lodge caters to your every indulgence. The country's longest-standing farm and coffee plantation, Gibb's Farm delivers its peaceful comforts with authentic East African flair.

Amenities: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer; electricity; Wifi

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Day 9

Exploring Ngorongoro Crater

Venture into the Ngorongoro Crater today, a unique ecosystem brimming with wildlife. As you descend into the crater, look out for rhinoceros and big cats, along with a diverse array of species from baboons to wildebeest. To maximize your wildlife viewing, enjoy a picnic lunch near a hippo pool. In the evening, gather at the Tembo Fire, where you can unwind with drinks and share stories under the stars. Your farewell dinner offers a moment to reflect on the incredible experiences you've shared in Tanzania.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Gibb's Farm



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Day 10

Departure from Tanzania

On your final day, visit the Cultural Heritage Center in Arusha for a chance to shop for beautiful crafts and unique Tanzanian artifacts. Enjoy a farewell lunch at a local restaurant, celebrating the friendships you've formed. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Shanga workshop, where artisans create stunning jewelry and glasswork. As your adventure comes to a close, you'll have a day room to relax before your flight. Say goodbye to your new friends and prepare for the journey home, carrying unforgettable memories of Tanzania.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, snack | Overnight: Mount Meru Hotel



Mount Meru Hotel

An Arusha mainstay near the busy downtown area, the Mount Meru Hotel sits on a 15-acre garden and provides comfortable, modern accommodations. Amenities include cable TV in all rooms, internet access, currency exchange facilities, concierge, massage services, babysitting on request, playground for children, outdoor swimming pool, sun bed, a volleyball court, and a nearby golf course. The Themi Grill serves both international and African cuisine.

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What's Included

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- Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- All meals as listed in the itinerary
- All park fees
- Services of professional safari guides and drivers
- Services of Nyumba camp staff including chef and waitstaff
- Land transportation in a customized safari vehicle
- Guaranteed window seating in safari vehicles
- Unlimited mileage in safari vehicles
- Flights within Tanzania as indicated in the itinerary (priced separately)
- Activities as indicated in the itinerary
- Drinking water available in large jugs to refill personal bottles
- Airport transfers for Delta/KLM flights on scheduled arrival/departure days
- Baggage handling

Not Included

- International airfare to and from Tanzania
- Optional activities
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- Mandatory local emergency evacuation insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and camp staff

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

